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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SPIRES FROM VELIOTES

E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: ASEC, PREL, US, IS
SUBJECT: JERUSALEM UPDATE

REF: STATE 217942

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. APPRECIATE LATEST UPDATE IN REFTEL. WHAT IS VERY CLEAR IN THIS OTHERWISE UNCERTAIN SITUATION IS THAT THERE WILL BE AN INITIATIVE TO PASS SOME KIND OF "JERUSALEM BILL" IN THE HOUSE OR SENATE IN THE COMING WEEKS. AND IT COULD HAPPEN SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS VITAL THAT WE HAVE A WHITE HOUSE APPROVED CONTINGENCY MEDIA PLAN THAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY ONCE SUCH CONGRESSIONAL ACTION BEGINS. IT WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE OUT HERE THAT THE MEDIA LEAD FOCUS ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S POSITION OF OPPOSITION RATHER THAN ON THE CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE ITSELF.

4. I AM CERTAIN THAT MY COLLEAGUES IN OTHER MUSLIM POSTS WOULD AGREE THAT THIS IS THE MINIMUM THAT PRUDENCE REQUIRES. VELIOTES
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